

to take up to 55 percent more just because the owner died; no other reason.

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Death and taxes may be inevitable, but they do not have to happen at the same time. It is time for Members of this body to realize that we should have no taxation without respiration.

ENACT FLOOD RELIEF TODAY

(Mr. POMEROY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, today many inside the Washington Beltway are gleefully calculating who is winning and who is losing in the disastrous supplemental debate. Is it Congress that has lost because they failed to timely pass a bill? Is it the President who has lost because he vetoed the bill with the extraneous riders?

I will tell my colleagues who has lost. The people of Grand Forks, ND, without homes that have been devastated by the flood; they are the real victims. But I actually think it goes beyond that. When the American people see a disaster that Congress cannot respond to, I think they feel less confidence in their Government, and everyone loses.

We had a wonderful bipartisan effort in building a responsive relief bill. I hope today represents the day when this bipartisanship will again reemerge in this body and will actually get the bill enacted. Legislation does nothing to help people without enactment.

It is time to put partisan differences aside, pull together, and get the job done. People are hurting very, very badly and they desperately need the flood relief. Let us enact it today.

MONMOUTH COUNTY, NJ, A FINE PLACE TO LIVE

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to acknowledge Monmouth County, NJ, one of the five counties that make up my congressional district. Monmouth County has been recognized by Money magazine as the third best place to live in America. According to the magazine, "For people who like to live near but not in big cities, there may be no better locale."

The low crime rate, beautiful and scenic area, and deep sense of community may have gone previously unnoticed by Money, but it has been no secret to us in New Jersey. Monmouth County consists of 53 towns that serve as a model of what many towns strive to be and of what many people look for in a community. For many people, Monmouth County is a place to settle down, raise a family, and relish in the American dream come true.

I congratulate the people of Monmouth County on their distinguished

achievement. I truly am honored today to have so many of the communities of Monmouth County as part of my congressional district of New Jersey.

HONORING ST. JOSEPH: ALL-AMERICAN CITY

(Ms. DANNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the city of St. Joseph, MO, for earning the All-American award from the National Civic League. St. Joseph is a city rich in history. The wagon trains that opened the West departed from St. Joseph. Gold rushers crowded its streets on the way to California, and it was from St. Joseph that an icon of western adventure, the Pony Express rider, began his journey and a favorite of western lore, Jesse James, ended his.

This award recognizes St. Joseph for its civic accomplishments. The Neighborhood Partnership Revitalization Effort, the Healthy Communities Quality of Life Program, and the city's historic and heroic recovery efforts after the devastating 1993 flood have earned St. Joseph this distinction. St. Joseph residents have always known how special their community is. Now the rest of the world knows.

SAMPLEMATICS

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, to understand why the President vetoed the disaster bill, thus denying many of the victims the needed relief, we have to understand samplematics. Samplematics is yet another Democrat attempt to redo mathematics as we know it.

It works like this. Let us look at traditional math. The traditional math will tell us, if we have 10 people in this House, 5 in this House, and 10 in this House, we would have a total of 25 people. Correct? Similar Math 101, no big problem.

Samplematics, according to the Democrats, if we have 10 people in this building, we count 10; 5 in this one, we count 5. The third building, we take a lunch break, so we just say, well, that building might have 50 people in it; and, therefore, we come up with 65.

Even though the Constitution, even though the law says we have to count people in a census head by head, what the Democrats want to do is give census the day off and say, estimate when you feel like it. That is samplematics. That is why the President of the United States canceled disaster relief, and that is why we in Congress have to send him a message to quit playing games and give the people the relief they need.

PASS DISASTER RELIEF

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, last night House Democrats joined our colleagues from the other body in an all-night vigil to protest the majority party's failure to pass disaster relief legislation. I think the public has some idea of the incomprehensibility of my Republican colleagues' view of this piece of legislation. They just do not get it.

We worked through the night to send a simple message to our Republican colleagues: Democrats are serious about disaster relief, and we are willing to work around the clock if necessary to do that to get the job done. There are thousands of families in the Midwest. They are desperately waiting for Federal assistance so that they can begin to rebuild their lives again. Families in Minnesota, the Dakotas and in over 30 States across this country are waiting for these disaster relief funds. It is a disgrace that the majority party has chosen to load the bill up with extraneous provisions. They know it. They have acknowledged it.

The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH], the Speaker, has said this is a bill to embarrass the President of the United States. This debate, these issues ought to be debated another time. Pass the disaster relief bill. Help people in the United States make their way.

A BALANCED BUDGET AND PAYING OFF THE FEDERAL DEBT

(Mr. NEUMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning and I would like to use my 1 minute to provide a positive vision for the future of this great country that we live in. The first part of that vision would include the Republican-led Congress working with their counterparts on the other side of the aisle to fulfill our promises of 1995.

We promised the American people a balanced budget so our children could look forward to living the American dream in this great country. But the promise cannot end there and the vision cannot end there. After we get to a balanced budget, we still have a \$5 trillion debt, which means our families are paying \$500 a month to do nothing but pay the interest on that debt.

So this vision, it needs to be bigger than just balancing the budget, it needs to go to the point of paying off that Federal debt so our families no longer need to send \$500 a month to Washington; they can keep it in their own households instead. When we pay down that debt, the money goes back into the Social Security trust fund as well so our seniors can rest assured the money is there.